Review of annual confidential reports of young officers

3677. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether armed forces administration is considering to scrap review of annual confidential reports of the young officers for the first seven years in order to make them bold and to go away with beaten past of grading officers; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) and (b) With a view to placing increased emphasis on the training and professional development of young officers of the Indian Army and to eliminate the pressures arising from the system of Annual Confidential Reports, it has been decided to do away with Confidential Reports for officers below two years of service with effect from January 1, 2001. However, in order to keep track of achievements of individual officers in the fields of sports and adventure training and to assess their suitability for appointments as ADCs, a simple assessment card has been instituted for officers in the 3—8 years service brackets. As regards the Indian Air Force and the Indian Navy, Government is not considering a review of the existing system of annual confidential reports in view of the special conditions and technical requirements of these Services.

FIR on Tehelka Scam

3678. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any FIR was lodged at the police station on the allegations made in the Tahelka videotapes and transcripts of corruption in military and allied purchase contract; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.